

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method of generating license information ~~[[of]]~~
related to digital contents of information ~~which is encrypted by encryption key information,~~
~~the license information indicating whether the encrypted digital contents information is~~
~~officially copied contents information which is copied under a right for selling the contents~~
~~information or privately copied contents information which is copied without a right for~~
~~selling the contents information;~~ comprising:

~~encrypting the encryption key information by information dependent on a recording~~
~~medium on which the encrypted digital contents information is recorded;~~

~~determining whether the license information indicates that that the encrypted digital~~
~~contents information is officially copied contents information; and~~

~~performing a digital signature processing to the encrypted encryption key information~~
~~when it is determined that the license information indicates that the encrypted digital contents~~
~~information is officially copied contents information~~

receiving a purchase request from a user, the request including an identification of
digital contents information, a utilization condition of the digital contents information, and a
media identification of a media to which the user records the digital contents information;

determining a content key for the digital contents information based on the
identification;

generating a certicator based on the content key and the utilization condition;

generating a license key based on the media identification;

encrypting the content key, the utilization condition, and the certicator based on the license key;

generating a digital signature of encrypted content key, encrypted utilization condition, and encrypted certicator based on a secret key; and

generating a digital license information including a header, the encrypted content key, the encrypted utilization condition, the encrypted certicator, and the digital signature.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

encrypting utilization condition information of the encrypted digital contents information, the utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information by the information dependent on the recording medium.

Claims 13-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 11, wherein the performing a digital signature processing comprises performing a signature with a secret key information of a public key encryption system (~~page 32, line 25 to page 33, line 21 and page 37, lines 19-22~~).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the license information includes utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information, the utilization condition

information of the privately copied contents information being more restricted than the utilization condition information of the officially copied contents information.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 11, wherein the license information includes information indicating whether or not the contents information is original contents information which is compressed but is not encrypted.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A license information generation device configured to generate license information of digital contents information ~~which is encrypted by encryption key information, the license information indicating whether the encrypted digital contents information is officially copied contents information which is copied under a right for selling the contents information or privately copied contents information which is copied without a right for selling the contents information,~~ comprising:

~~an encryption device configured to encrypt the encryption key information by information dependent on a recording medium on which the encrypted digital contents information is recorded;~~

~~means for determining whether the license information indicates that the encrypted digital contents information is officially copied contents information; and~~

~~a digital signature processing device configured to process the encrypted encryption key information and produce a digital signature when it is determined that the license information indicates that the encrypted digital contents information is officially copied contents information~~

a receiving unit configured to receive a purchase request from a user, the request including an identification of digital contents information, a utilization condition of the

digital contents information, and a media identification of a media to which the user records the digital contents information;

a determining unit configured to determine a content key for the digital contents information based on the identification;

a certicator generating unit configured to generate a certicator based on the content key and the utilization condition;

a license key generating unit configured to generate a license key based on the media identification;

an encrypting unit configured to encrypt the content key, the utilization condition, and the certicator based on the license key;

a signature generating unit configured to generate a digital signature of encrypted content key, encrypted utilization condition, and encrypted certicator based on a secret key;
and

an information generating unit configured to generate a digital license information including a header, the encrypted content key, the encrypted utilization condition, the encrypted certicator, and the digital signature.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The license information generation device according to claim 19, further comprising:

an encryption device configured to encrypt utilization condition information of the encrypted digital contents information, the utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information by the information dependent on the recording medium.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The license information generation device according to claim 19, wherein the digital signature processing device is configured to perform a signature with a secret key information of a public key encryption system.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The license information generation device according to claim 19, wherein

the license information includes utilization condition information including effective date information and effective number of times information, the utilization condition information of the privately copied contents information being more restricted than the utilization condition information of the officially copied contents information.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The license information generation device according to claim 19, wherein

the license information includes information indicating whether or not the contents information is original contents information which is compressed but is not encrypted.